

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

FRANKE ET AL.

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APPLICATION NO.: UNKNOWN

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EXAMINER:

FOR: PROCESS FOR THE DECORATIVE DESIGN  
OF A LACQUERED SUBSTRATE SURFACEPRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-referenced application,  
please amend the application as follows:IN THE SPECIFICATION:Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6  
with the following:Field of the Invention:

The invention relates to a process for the decorative design of a lacquered substrate surface and also to the substrates obtained in accordance with the process. The process according to the invention may find application, in particular, in the decorative surface design of vehicle bodies, of the components thereof and also of vehicle parts.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 14  
with the following:Background of the Invention:

Diverse examples of decorative surface designs are known, in particular, from the domain of automobile lacquering. These include, for example, individual lacquer finishes, for example, effect-producing lacquer finishes, lacquer finishes in special colour tones or lacquer finishes in the form of images,